Yo.
At senior high
Ryu and Nao
Eh?
So what if I do?
THUMP
Do...
you really like Naoki?

Let's fight to see which one likes him more?
I like him more.
It always happened like this, so both of them couldn't have a girlfriend.
What? Isn't that ridiculous?
If you win, I'll accept you.

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WE HAVE 2 MONTHS LEFT.

I COUNT ON YOU, NAOKI.

大嘘

WHY DO I...

#0

SFX: WHAM

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE DONE ALREADY?

WH... WHAT ARE YOU?

HE'S A DRAGON. YOU DON'T KNOW THIS BROTHER IS DRAGON* OOHARA?

HUH?

WHAT AM I LOOK LIKE?

Not human?

NOTE: *RYU MEANS DRAGON

SATOYA-SAN!

NAO.

RYU.

WHAT? DON'T BULLY THE WEAK.

OOHARA ?

DON'T TELL ME THAT OOHARA ...

AH, BROTHER, THEY'RE RUN-NING AWAY.

MAYBE IT'S RIGHT BUT YOU JUST INVOLVED YOURSELF TO THOSE CHEAP PEOPLE.

I DID AL-READY. BUT IT'S BECAUSE THESE GUYS WANTED TO PICK UP A FIGHT.

Though they just bumped into me.

You want to confess to me?

SOME-THING?

Are you an idiot?

I'LL COME BACK AFTER FINISHING SOME-THING.

IS IT FINE YOU'RE HANGING AROUND HERE AT THIS TIME? HOW ABOUT THE SHOP?

WELL, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

IGNORE THEM.

Yes.

HUH?

RYU...

BECOME THE FIFTH...

THE OOHARA GANG IS...

OOHARA FAMILY

A FAMOUS FAMILY THAT...

NO ONE IN THE GANSTER CIRCLE OF THIS AREA DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT...

THE CURRENT FOURTH LEADER WHO IN SPITE OF THIS ECONOMIC SLUMP, RAISED THE FAMILY CREST AND COMPETED RUTHLESSLY...

FAMILY CREST

TACHI-BANA...

HE IS A GANGSTER OF A GOOD LINEAGE (?).

AH. THE FIFTH. WELCOME HOME.

DON'T CALL ME THE FIFTH.

I haven't inherited yet.

YOU EVEN USED NAO AS A CHESS-MAN. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I TALKED TO HIM.

You bastard.

Calm down.

HEY, NAOKI, WHAT'S THIS? DIDN'T YOU CONVINCE HIM?

Hey, Naoki

Geez

EVEN THOUGH HE'S YOUR OWN NEPHEW, JUST DON'T USE HIM!

I'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHATEVER I HAVE.

I'm a Yakuza.

OOHARA RYUNOSUKE IS THE FOURTH'S ONLY SON.

IN ORDER THAT HE CAN BECOME A GOOD SUCCESSOR OF THE BOSS WHO SUFFERS THE CHRONIC DESEASE...

HE HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP CAREFULLY SINCE HE WAS YOUNG...

HOWEVER, 6 MONTHS AGO...

I WON'T SUCCEED THE GANG.

BECAUSE HE SAID THAT, THE WHOLE FAMILY HAS BEEN MAKING EVERY EFFORT...

I DIDN'T SAY THAT YOU HAVE TO SUCCEED THE GANG RIGHT AWAY.

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN OYABUN* WILL BREAK DOWN...

Oohara's young manager - TACHIBANA

SO I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD DO THAT AFTER 2 MONTHS WHEN YOU GRADUATE THE SENIOR HIGH.

IF YOUNG MASTER IS LIKE THIS, YOU WON'T SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR EVERYONE.

NOTE:
*OYABUN IS THE BIG BOSS

TALKING ABOUT ME...

He's able to control something that big~

ISN'T THE TRAIN DRIVER COOL?

right?

It was young master's birthday

I DON'T FORGET IT. IT'S SINCE AUGUST LAST YEAR....

I can't understand

AND WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY WANT TO BECOME A TRAIN DRIVER?

YOUNG MASTER.

Thank you.

CAN I LEAVE NOW?

IF YOU MEAN THE WAY TO PICK UP FIGHTS OR TO THREATEN PEOPLE THAT YOU TAUGHT ME, I THINK IT'S PRETTY USEFUL UNTIL NOW.

YOUNG MASTER, YOU'RE SAYING THAT EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE UNTIL NOW BECOME USELESS?

IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

SINCE THE PAST, I'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND HERE.

MY MUM AND RYU'S MUM ARE CLOSE FRIENDS (AND THE YOUNG MANAGER IS MY MUM'S LITTLE BROTHER)

If it's like that, just let him do as he wants

His dad said once

NOTE: KATAGI MEANS NORMAL PEOPLE.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT IT'LL BE FINE!

BECAUSE WITH A KATAGI'S JOB, I'LL BUILD UP A HAPPY FAMILY WITH NAO.

!

ISN'T IT JUST FINE?

GRAB

EVEN THOUGH NAOKI WANTS YOU TO, YOU WON'T DO?

twitch

.....

IF THERE'S ONE, I GOT HIM ALREADY.

OR THE CHILD OF HIS EX-WIFE...

Yeah, then...

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT? LIKE MY DAD'S ILLEGAL CHILD...

THERE'S NO ONE LIKE THAT.

So noisy...

WELL... IT SUITS YOU MORE THAN THE DRIVER'S UNIFORM.

IS THAT RIGHT?

.....

Defi-nitely!!

BECAUSE I SAID I WOULDN'T SUCCEED THE GANG, IT MEANS I WON'T.

ANY-WAYS...

WELL... FOR NOW, I WANT YOU TO HELP ONE MORE TIME.

He wants to become a Katagi just to live happily with you, right?

YOU CALLED ME BECAUSE OF THAT.

UNTIL NOW, HE ALWAYS LISTENS TO ALL THE THING YOU SAY.

It's my last step.

WHY DOES HE BECOME SO HARD-HEADED?

He's been stubborn since the past.

SFX: RUNNING.

Is he a kid?

Young master!

HE REALLY INTENDED TO DIE...

IN THE FIRST YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH, WHEN I SAID TO HIM "GO AND DIE"...

Young master

SO HE ALWAYS STICKED CLOSE TO ME.

BACK THEN, BECAUSE RYU IS THE SON OF A GANGSTER, HE HAD A HARD TIME TO MAKE FRIENDS...

I sleep with Nao-chan

Kinder garden

I don't need women. Nao is enough.

I HAVE TO MAKE HIM INDEPEN-DENT...

I CAN'T LET IT BE LIKE THIS.

THIS GUY...

NAO HATES ME.

DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY-THING ANY-MORE.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN, IF THE MAN WHO WILL BECOME HEAD OF THE FAMILY IS LED AROUND BY ME?

WHY DIDN'T THE SITUATION CHANGE A BIT?

FOR 6 YEARS, FROM THAT TIME, I'VE ALWAYS PUSHED HIM AWAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BUT...

I THOUGHT WITH HIS ABILITY HE DEFINITELY COULDN'T MAKE IT, BUT FINALLY HE WENT TO THE SAME SENIOR HIGH WITH ME.

Pass ed

Bear

...HEY.

Why are you stand-ing here?

UHM.

They're so noisy so I went out here

NAO.

ARE YOU COMING HOME?

I DON'T WANT TO.

GO AND DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND.

kiss

EVEN THOUGH YOU REALLY WANTED TO DO THAT BEFORE.

WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY SAY THAT YOU WOULDN'T SUCCEED THE GANG?

REALLY...

.....

...AH.

I CHANGED MY MIND.

.....

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THAT JOB?

You don't even study to get the driver license

A TRAIN DRIVER? ARE YOU A CHICKEN?

LIAR!

URGH.

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.

YOU KNOW, IF YOU SUCCEED THE GANG, OUR RELATIONSHIP WON'T CHANGE.

BESIDES, DON'T USE ME AS YOUR REASON.

I didn't throw a tantrum.

I'm not that free.

BE GOOD AND DON'T THROW A TANTRUM LIKE THAT.

AT MY LAST BIRTHDAY...

By his money...

Don't talk non sense

It'll be fine If it's the matter of the law, I'll have my dad change it

In any case,

WE CAN'T MARRY EACH OTHER.

YOU WILL SUCCEED YOUR FAMILY'S SHOP, RIGHT? IF YOU MARRY A GANSTER, YOUR BUSI-NESS WILL BECOME WORSE.

NAO.

I HAVE TO GO AND BUY SOME-THING.

YEAH.

The raw material isn't enough

Thank you very much

I HEARD THAT...

HE HAD A LONG TALK WITH HIS FATHER...

BUT EVEN NOW WHAT THEY TALKED IS STILL A SECRET.

REALLY IS THERE SOME-THING IN THE GANGSTER FAMILY THAT CAN'T LET THE NORMAL PEOPLE KNOW?

He's good at nothing but picking up a fight.

...

THAT GUY HAS TO SUCCEED THE GANG.

He doesn't have another choice

BUT...

I CAN'T JUST IGNORE UNCLE TACHIBANA.

URGH.

HE... HOW ABOUT HIS CLASS?

It's his 3rd semester, so he's studying at home.

WHY IS HE HERE?

RYU?

HE SKIPPED THE CLASS. WHAT IS HE DOING?

You can't graduate like that

.....

OOHARA ...

DAMN...

Uncle broke up all my plan.

ACTUALLY, I INTEND NOT TO MEET HIM ALL THIS TIME BUT...

HE HAS SUPPLEMENTARY CLASS AND I NEED TO LOOK AFTER MY SHOP.

IT'S 2 MORE MONTHS UNTIL WE GRADUATE.

IS THERE ANYONE HOME?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

What's that appearance?

NO, EVERYONE'S AT THE SHOP.

I'LL STAY TONIGHT.

LET ME IN.

IT'S FINE BUT...

THIS'S RARE. YOU LOST?

I WON.

JUST BECAUSE THE OPPOSITE HAD SO MANY PEOPLE SO IT WASN'T AN EASY WIN.

YESTERDAY THAT WAS AN AMBUSH?

TALKING ABOUT THAT, YESTERDAY I FELL INTO AN AMBUSH TOO.

THAT? YOU KNEW IT?

AROUND 9 PEOPLE...

HOW MANY?

RECENTLY, AREN'T THEY GETTING MORE AND MORE?

SMALL YAKUZAS? THOSE 3RD YEAR SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS YESTERDAY?

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO THOSE SMALL YAKUZAS THERE.

I JUST ACCIDENTALLY SAW IT.

WHAT DID YOU DO?

AH... THEY MIXED THEMSELVES INTO THE KATAGI...

NOT GOOD.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BOTHER THE GANG WITH THOSE SMALL FISHES WHO CAN'T EVEN BEAT ME...

WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL YOUR FAMILY?

TELL ME IF THINGS BECOME WORSE...

HUH?

THEN YOU CAME HERE?

YOU REALLY...

IT'S THE TRAIT OF THE GANG LEADER.

WHAT?

NAO

NAO

I'M IN THE HEAT.

WHAT ARE YOU? A CAT IN HIS MATING SEASON?

NAO

NA——O

RECENTLY, YOU'RE SO STICKY. IT'S IRRITATING.

kiss

NN...

kiss

bam

NN...

NN...

haa

slip

I kissed you many times

THEN WHY? KISSING IS FINE, RIGHT?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

WHY DO YOU REJECT ME?

Boo Boo

THEN, ISN'T IT FINE TO HAVE SEX TOO?

A KISS DOESN'T MATTER SO...

It's fine if you do it.

.....

whirl

IT HURTSSS!

ACK... IT HURTS...

IT'S OF COURSE.

I LIED. I WON'T DO ANYTHING.

ARE YOU AN IDIOT? YOU WANT TO INSERT IT IN ME, DON'T YOU?

EH?

RYU... WHAT WILL YOU DO IF I'M NOT WITH YOU ANYMORE?

WHAT IS THAT SUDDENLY?

UNTIL NOW YOU DO EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW ME. IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU SEE NO ONE BUT ME.

IT'S WRONG. IT'S BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

?

SO I SAID THAT...

is this imprinting?

IF YOU'RE NOT WITH ME...

MAYBE I'LL CRY.

SOMEHOW...

I WANT TO HELP...

Ting

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND

.....

AFTER THAT... WELL, IF IT'S NOT THE REAL CASE, I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE ...

WILL YOU CRY?

WHAT HAP-PENED?

THERE'S A RUMOR THAT...

THE OOHARA GANG WILL COLLAPSE BECAUSE OF THE FOURTH'S HEALTH CONDITION.

Close

YES.

NAO?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUNG MASTER IS?

EH? HE'S AT MY PLACE.

REALLY? I'M GLAD IS HE ALRIGHT?

HUH?

Because everyone knows about Oyabun's a chronic illness

OF COURSE IT'S NON-SENSE.

BUT SMALL GANGSTERS OF THE OTHER GANG HAVE CO-OPERATED TO CRUSH THE FIFTH LEADER BEFORE HE SUCCEEDS THE GANG.

The 3rd year senior high guy said it himself

He worked for them

DID YOU TELL ANYONE ABOUT THE FIFTH?

HOW COULD I?

IS THAT SO?

WELL... FOR NOW, WE'LL INVESTI-GATE AND DEAL WITH IT.

MAYBE YOUNG MASTER IS BEING AIMED..

SO YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT TOO.

Let him stay for today

WE DIDN'T TELL ABOUT THAT TO ANYONE, RIGHT?

YEAH... THAT TIME WHEN YOU CAME TO ASK ME TO BECOME THE FIFTH, THERE'RE ONLY YOU, ME AND TETSU THERE...

MAYBE...

.....

PI

.....

Did I do something wrong?

EH? WHAT HAPPENED?

So it's you.

The fifth leader... That's so cool!

Tetsu

I TOLD THEM.

I was so happy...

AH... YES. THOSE 3RD YEAR SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS, RIGHT?

It's my fault to talk in front of you.

DON'T MIND.

BROTHER.

What did I do wrong?

Satoya-san... I...

I'M SORRY.

FOR WHAT?

I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BECOME A BIG PROBLEM.

EH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL.

THEN WILL YOU BECOME MY BODYGUARD UNTIL THIS SETTLES DOWN?

YEAH.

It can't be helped.

TAKE A BATH TOGETHER.

SLEEP TOGETHER.

THAT TOO.

YEAH.

YEAH.

EH?

WELL, EVERY KIND OF THINGS...

BUT HOW ABOUT YOUR SUPPLE-MENTARY CLASS?

AH.

UNCLE TACHIBANA WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM.

UNTIL THEN...

NOW THE ONE THEY'RE AIMING IS ME ONLY...

I'LL STAY OBEDIENTLY AT HOME.

They don't dare to follow me home.

JUST KIDDING.

IT'S FINE.

appear

I WANT TO HELP...

SOME-HOW...

Punch

IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE, I'M WILLING TO BEAT YOU.

GYA ...

Hey...

WHAT DO I LOOK LIKE?

You're so weak.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?

Why are you that strong?

YOU BASTARD

HEY... OOHARA...

IF YOU DON'T BEHAVE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THIS GUY...

!?

SFX: BAM

DON'T TOUCH ME.

YOU'RE REALLY AN IDIOT.

HE'S STRONGER THAN ME.

What.

.....!

URGH.

JUST LOOKING AT THIS, SOMEHOW I WANT TO HELP HIM...

FINALLY ...

THERE'S NO PEACE AROUND HIM WHO ARE SO GOOD AT FIGHTING FROM THE PAST...

clank

IT WON'T CHANGE...

FOR-EVER...

bang

slide

bam

IDIOT
...
THEY'RE
KIDS...

NN...

I'LL KILL
YOU.

SFX: WHAM

RYU...

RYU!?

IT'S JUST A LIGHT SCRATCH.

HEY... STOP IT.

RYU.

RYU.

NN...

KICK

Pi Pi

NOW I'LL SEND YOUR FACES TO THE OOHARA GANG.

Flash

ROLL ROLL

BUMP

I'LL TELL YOU FIRST, THE RUMOR IS NONSENSE.

WHEREVER YOU HIDE, THEY WILL FIND OUT RIGHT AWAY.

IF YOU AIM THE FIFTH, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE...

THE FOURTH IS STILL VERY FINE...

IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO TELL THIS AND BOTHER YOUR GANG...

DISAPPEAR QUICKLY.

HEY.

SFX: RUNNING

WHAT IF YOU COM-MITED A CRIME?

YOU WON'T DIE, RIGHT?

I WON'T DIE JUST BECAUSE OF THIS.

IT'S A MERE SCRATCH.

BUT YAKUZAS REALLY BRING THAT KIND OF THING.

It's the first time I saw it

MY FAMILY HAS THAT TOO.

EH?

MY FATHER'S EX-WIFE...

WAS INVOLVED IN A FIGHT AMONG GANGS AND DIED.

SO...

IF I REALLY SUCCEED THE GANG...

IN MY FAMILY, THERE'RE ALWAYS INJURED PEOPLE.

IT ALSO HAPPENS TO OTHER MEMBERS.

ANYMORE.

I WON'T BE BY YOUR SIDE...

WHAT'S THAT?

YOU...

SAID THAT BUT...

I...

ALWAYS WANTED TO LEAVE YOU BUT...

LET'S GO.

NAO.

I DON'T HEAR ANY-THING.

I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP WITH HIM.

NAO.

WHERE ARE WE GOING TO?

EH?

SFX: GRAP

WHO IS THE ONE THAT WANTS TO BE TOGETHER?

UNTIL NOW THERE'RE MANY CHANCES FOR ME TO LEAVE HIM BUT...

EH?
TA-DA
LET'S DRINK.

I'LL STAY WITH YOU UNTIL THAT.
EVEN IF I WANT, IT'S STILL 2 MONTHS EARLY, RIGHT?
Young master finally
THE FIFTH! YOU FINALLY WANT TO DO IT, RIGHT?
WAIT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF THE SUDDEN?
IT'S WRONG. SHUT UP, TACHI-BANA.
Don't interrupt

IT'S NOT THE GANG-SUCCESSION SAKE CUP.

Eh? Isn't it?

It's not that easy Besides, his dad isn't here too.

Oh my..

IT IS TO TIE YOU AND ME.

UNTIL THEN I'LL TOUCH YOU, STICK WITH YOU, AND DO SOMETHING FURTHER THAN THAT...

As far as I can...

ARE YOU AN IDIOT? IT'S NOT THAT.

I KNOW, IT MEANS WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT FOR THE REST OF OUR LIFE.

YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF EXCHANG-ING SAKE CUP IN THIS FAMILY RIGHT?

NAO.

EH?

For what?

Tachibana, you're noisy

WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS FROM THE BEGIN-NING.

ISN'T IT BAD IF I KEEP BEING WORRIED ABOUT THAT ALL THE TIME?

AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AFTER THAT, RIGHT?

YOU SAID THAT IF I WAS NOT WITH YOU, YOU WOULD CRY...

EVEN THOUGH YOU WANT TO DISAPPEAR RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME ON YOUR OWN...

LET'S BECOME YAKUZAS, RYU.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, I'LL BE ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE.

YOU... IF YOU DRINK THAT...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROTECT ME.

Ack.

drink

What are they talking about?

?

.....

I MANAGED TO BE FINE UNTIL NOW.

And I'm stronger than you too.

I'll tell everyone

THANK YOU, NAOKI.

OH... THAT'S RIGHT.

UNCLE.

RYU WON'T STRUGGLE ANYMORE.

I'M PREPARED FOR THAT.

YEAH.

You too, get prepared

WE'LL BE ...

together, right?

kiss

BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'LL DO MORE THAN THIS, RIGHT?

YOU MEANIE...!

Anyways, we're yakuzas, ne

THIS BOND IS MUCH STRONGER THAN GETTING MARRIED.

End

Tight Rope ~ Chap 1

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PEOPLE SAID RYU WAS NOT NORMAL. BUT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY.

FROM VERY LONG TIME AGO, WE'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER.

HE LIVED IN A STERN FAMILY...

JUST THAT...

BESIDES, AMONG THOSE SO-CALLED "BROTHERS", THERE'RE MANY PEOPLE THAT WEREN'T BLOOD-RELATED...

DESPITE OF THOSE...

HIS FATHER HAS A VERY SCARY FACE AND BIG SISTER SEEMS VERY POWERFUL TOO.

AND HE WAS THE SON OF A GANSTER...

RYU WAS A GOOD GUY.

ロータイプト

BUT THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

AT THAT TIME I THOUGHT SO. WELL, I WAS STILL A CHILD THEN.

BOARD: SATOYA.

HEY, NAO.

I COME TO TAKE THE THING YOU PROMISED ME.

THAT RIDICULOUS APPEARANCE AGAIN.

WHAT'S WRONG? ISN'T THAT OUTFIT COOL?

Hello, Auntie

THIS IS...

Satoya Youko
Naoki's mom

RYU-CHAN, WELCOME. I'M WAITING FOR YOU.

IT'S SUPERB HOT.

Is that so?

BECAUSE TODAY TACHIBANA WANTED ME TO COME WITH HIM TO THE SHOP WE LOOK AFTER...

HE DRESSED UP ME LIKE THIS.

THIS SPRING ...

Ryu-chan, do you want to drink something?

Don't no with me

IS THAT SO? YOU'RE MOCKING ME, RIGHT?

NO~~

NO... WELL... IT SUITS YOU WELL.

NOW WE SUCCEED OUR FAMILY BUSINESS.

WE'RE TRAINING EVERY-DAY...

FOR THE JOB.

Happy graduation

Please graduate

Yes, I'll let him graduate

Sensei! Can our young master graduate?

Somehow, it's a little forceful for Ryu.

WE MANAGED TO GRADUATE SMOOTHLY...

Dad, give me some tea

We do every kind of things like managing a shop or supervising a construction company

RYU IS DOING OOHARA'S BUSINESS.

BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I HAVE TO JOIN THE GANG.

SO I'M TRAINING AT THE SHOP LIKE THIS.

RYU AND I HAD THE PROMISE THAT WE'LL BE ON THE SAME BOAT FOREVER...

AH... THAT GUY...

HEY.

HOW ABOUT UNCLE TACHIBANA?

THEN.

set

Side

WELCOME HOME, HIRO.

DID YOU WAIT OUTSIDE, UNCLE?

THAT'S RIGHT. HE...

The shop hasn't opened yet. So it's fine, right?

Let go of me

Don't go out. That's bad

DON'T LET THIS THING WAIT OUTSIDE, RYU.

The customers will be scared

Satoya Hiroki – Naoki's brother

HEY. HIROKI.

Watch out your mouth.

Hey, Ken-chan, you came here. Why didn't you show up?

Nee-san, didn't I say you not to call me that?

Why? Ken-chan is always Ken-chan, right?

COMING IN THIS SHOP, EVEN THE YOUNG MANAGER BECOME DISCREDITED...

IT'S HARD FOR ME.

BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO ENTER THE SHOP SO HE FORCED ALL THE BUSINESS ON ME.

DID YOU GET THE THING THAT BIG SISTER ASKED?

YOUNG MASTER.

Tachibana Kensuke – Oohara gang young manager – Yuko's lil brother

"IT'S VERY HARD FOR ME" YOU SAID.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Hah.

What's that sign?

HUH?

THEN...

tak tak

IT'S IN THE CORNER. KEN-CHAN, TAKE IT.

OH DEAR, AYA-CHAN'S THING, RIGHT?

NO, NOT YET.

YOU, BE PREPARED PROPERLY.

I SAID I WOULD BE WITH YOU.

NN... AH... BUT...

URGH?

I WANTED TO BE PRE-PARED...

BUT...

IT MEANS YOU'RE NOT PREPARED, RIGHT?

RYU-CHAN.

NO, WELL...

IT'S NOT THAT I'M NOT...

OR LIKE THAT...

THEN WHAT?

THEN, NAOKI, MY BUSINESS HERE IS DONE, IT'S TIME FOR ME TOOK MY LEAVE.

IT'S JUST A KIMONO. WHY DIDN'T SHE COME TO TAKE IT HERSELF?

AH... GEEZ... BIG MOTHER TREATS PEOPLE SO HARSHLY.

grab

NO, NOTHING ELSE.

DID SHE ASK FOR ANY-THING ELSE?

ONLY AYA-CHAN'S KIMONO IS ENOUGH??

TODAY IS MY TURN TO DELIVER THE FOOD.

IT'S TO-NIGHT.

I'LL GO THERE SO DON'T RUN AWAY.

Young master The car 's this way.

Today we came by car

DASH

WON'T RUN AWAY.

I...

UHM... JUST A LITTLE...

WHAT HAP-PENED?

.....

Hah

HE DIDN'T COME HERE RECENTLY.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

WHY?

He did something to you?

RYUNO-SUKE IS SO IRRI-TATING.

YOU REALLY HATE YAKUZAS, NE.

Just stay at home, you'll get used to it.

AND RYU WANTS USE THAT AS THE REASON TO LEAVE ME.

MAYBE THAT IS THE "NORMAL" THOUGHT.

We should break t off with them like this

IT'S SAFER IF WE'RE NOT INVOLVED WITH YAKUZAS...

WELL... BUT IT'S FINE.

ACTUALLY, I LOST COUNT OF CASES THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I HADN'T BEEN WITH HIM...

BUT ISN'T IT TOO LATE NOW?

THANK YOU, BIG SISTER.

My dad will be glad.

AH... NAOKI. TODAY THE KIMONO CAME ON TIME FOR THE MEETING... I WAS SAVED...

SAY THANKS TO YUUKO FOR ME.

YEAH.

Ooharа Ayano
Ryunosuke's mother

REALLY. SATOYA-SAN'S MEAL IS ALWAYS SO DELICIOUS...

AH... THAT KID... AFTER WANDERING AROUND DURING THE DAY, HE SAID HE WAS SLEEPY AND WENT TO HIS ROOM.

Deli-cious

Deli-cious.

WHERE'S RYU?

He's not here

BY THE WAY...

THAT GUY...

Ho ho ho

I SUPPOSE THAT YOU FINALLY DUMPED HIM, AM I RIGHT?

I SAID NAOKI WAS ABOUT TO COME BUT HE JUST SAID "YEAH"....

It's bad.

RYU-
CHA
~~~
N.

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU PRETEND YOU'RE SLEEPING...

I WAS REALLY SLEEPING.

Until a while ago.

.....

YOU REALLY AIMED THE MEAL TIME.

rustle
~~~

IT'S NOTHING SO...

YOU

NN?

NAOKI.

!

grab

hold

Hah.

kiss

kiss

kiss

Nn……

……

ISN'T IT OKAY?

Hah.

SFX: GRAB

YOU'RE HEAVY.

NAO.

FLOP

YOU...

WILL YOU REALLY BE WITH ME FROM NOW ON?

I CAN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE.

PLEASE LET ME CON-TINUE.

THEN ...

YEAH.

you're annoying

ARE YOU AVOIDING ME BECAUSE OF THIS?

I thought that you're not prepared yet

NO.

"THAT" IS RIGHT. "THAT" IS THE MAIN REASON.

BUT "THIS" IS RIGHT, TOO.

I MEAN...

.....

YOU...

IF I'M BE PREPARED FOR "THAT",

MY DESIRE WILL BURN.

KISS

HE SAID THAT...

YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO, RIGHT?

EVEN THOUGH YOU LET ME KISS YOU...

IN THE FIRST PLACE...

BUT...

I DID THIS WITH HIM...

NAO...

RYU WOKE UP SO SUD-DENLY...

WHEN WE WAS IN 1ST YEAR JUNIOR HIGH ...

I WAS REALLY SCARED...

SO I TURNED HIM DOWN SERI-OUSLY...

STUPID.

GO DIE.

PUSH

I'M NOT...

MAD AT YOU AL-READY.

It's over

RYU~~

BECAUSE OF THAT, HE DIDN'T COME NEAR ME.

If it's just a kiss.

Then...

SICK?

I'm not sick.

I CAN'T. IF I'M WITH YOU, I'LL DO SOME WEIRD THING TO YOU AGAIN.

Haa

It was like that.

ISN'T IT THE SAME AS NOW?

Didn't he grow up?

さや

IS IT NORMAL?

WE'RE CHILD-HOOD FRIENDS ... FOR 19 YEARS ALREADY.

SFX: RUSTLE

BUT THAT THING SHOULD BE DONE WITH A NORMAL GIRL...

"NOR-MAL" ...

IT'S NOT THAT...

I DON'T WANT TO DO IT.

SFX: BAM

AH... SORRY...

WHAT FACE SHOULD I MAKE WHEN DOING THAT WITH HIM?

ACK.

WHY DON'T YOU SUPPORT BROTHER?

SATOYA-SAN...

Haha

Name of the shop

HUH?

What's that?

SATOYA-KUN!

HE DOESN'T COME.

Because if I come here, maybe I can meet brother

Besides, why are you here? we're not opened yet.

And I don't have money too.

HEY, TETSU...

WHY DO YOU WANT TO STICK YOUR NOSE INTO OUR BUSI-NESS?

Wasn't he so terrible?

URGH.

Hah

I'LL EAT YOU ALIVE.

Because brother will cheer up only when thing comes to Satoya-san

HE SEEMED TO BE UNLIVELY SO I ASKED HIM IF SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN HIM AND SATOYA-SAN.

SOMETIMES, I MEET BROTHER IN FRONT OF THE STATION.

He was very cool, wearing a suit.

HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO CONTROL HIS FEELING.

AH. SORRY.

THE SHOP WILL OPEN AT 5.

SLIDE

WHY? DID YOU FINALLY DUMP HIM?

That's right.

BUT EVEN IF YOU'RE HERE, YOU CAN'T MEET YOUR BELOVED BROTHER.

Recently he rarely comes.

Ah Hello.

IT'S WRONG. IT'S NOT THAT.

IT'S TIME TO OPEN THE SHOP, SO GO HOME.

Brother...

Dad's calling you.

Ah...

You won't come?

CAN WE HAVE A TALK?

HELLO, SATOYA NAOKI-KUN.

YOU...

ARE VERY CLOSE WITH OOHARA RYUNOSUKE, RIGHT?

THEY'RE RELATED TO RYU?

che

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

.....

AH.

WE WANT YOU TO DO US A FAVOUR.

BUT IF I DON'T PROTECT YOU, BROTHER WILL BE MAD.

WHY DID YOU GO HERE WITH ME?

ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?

THEY WANT YOU TO CONVINCE YOUNG MASTER...

TO DISMISS THE OOHARA GANG?

THEN...

I thought they just stayed still. Isn't it right?

This

WHEN I ASKED THEM WHY I HAD TO DO THAT,

THEY TOOK OUT A KNIFE AND THREATENED ME.

THEY STAYED STILL AND THEN THEY LEFT.

IS THAT SO?

It's great.

I DON'T KNOW.

Why did they tell you that?

WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S JUST THAT? THEN WHAT DID YOU TELL THEM?

DID YOU TELL YOUNG MASTER ABOUT THIS?

WHAT IS THAT SMART OF THEM?

They didn't introduce themselves, so they might be some weak bastards.

NO, MAYBE THAT IS A SMART WAY.

EVEN THAT'S SO, THERE CAN'T BE A DISMISSION, RIGHT?

MAYBE THEY ALL KNOW THAT YOU'RE YOUNG MASTER'S WEAKNESS.

WELL... I INVESTI-GATED ABOUT IT.

You still want to run away?

NAO!

Eh?

HEY...

Good morning, young master

slide

IS THAT SO?

I THINK I SHOULDN'T TELL HIM.

NO... HE WILL MAKE A BIG FUSS ABOUT IT.

NAO IS INJURED.

IS IT YOU, TACHIBANA?

IT'S NOT ME.

I won't forgive you

Huh?

slowly

slowly

.....

RYU.

YES.

Young master.

UHM...

I CUT IT MYSELF WHILE COOKING.

WHAT HAPPENED?

SFX: GRAB

STEP

CLOSER

DON'T COME CLOSER OR THINGS WILL GO BAD.

IF YOU BEAT ME, I'LL LET YOU DO IT.

Now as a man ..

GO TO NO-WHERE...

IF I JUST LEAVE IT THERE...

THINGS WILL...

LET'S BEGIN, NAO.

Oh- He's train-ing on his own

Yeah, right.

WARMING UP IS DONE.

.....

bam

Why is Naoki this strong?

bam

bam

SFX: GRAB

WHY...

.....

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

It's a natural reaction.

Then leave me

Hold on.

Young master

At time like th.s ..

DON'T GET HARD, YOU IDIOT.

IF YOU KNEW THAT, YOU WOULD HAVE WON ALREADY.

WHY CAN'T I WIN?

THAT'S RIGHT.

HUH?

RYU.

SIGH

WHEN YOU REALLY WANT TO BEAT ME...

LET'S FIGHT AGAIN.

TRY TO DEFEAT ME, RYU.

IF NOT, I'LL BE SO CONFUSED.

Eh? Young master, that.

I really want to now.

YEAH.

GEEZ.

stop

ガチャリ

ただや

broom

AH.
NAO.

I'M HOME.
WHAT HAP-PENED?

THEY SAID THEY COUNTED ON YOU FOR "RYUNOSUKE-KUN'S BUSINESS".

AND THIS...

again..

They...

JUST A WHILE AGO, SOME WEIRD PEOPLE CAME.

WHAT'S THIS?

I TOLD THEM NAOKI WASN'T AT HOME AND ASKED WHAT THEY WANTED.

IT'S NOT ALRIGHT.

AH...

I...

THEY SAID THEY WOULD COME AGAIN. WILL YOU BE ALRIGHT?

NO...

THERE'S NO NEED TO TELL SUCH THINGS.

DIDN'T BROTHER TELL RYUNOSUKE ABOUT THAT?

YOU JUST DO THAT. AND UNTIL NOW YOU ALWAYS GET INJURED BY THOSE INVOLVED WITH THAT GUY, RIGHT?

THAT WOUND ON YOUR FACE LATELY...

WAS MADE BY THEM, RIGHT?

HIRO.

THE BAD ONE IS NOT OOHARA FAMILY.

HIRO.

IF YOU KEEP YOURSELF INVOLVED WITH THOSE GUYS, SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN.

I KNEW IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS ONE DAY.

THIS IS NAO'S PROBLEM.

HIROKI.

BUT...

TO US, THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT FRIENDS.

YOU SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT.

.....

NN... IT'S HARD.

IN THE PAST, WAS MOM ALSO WORRY...

ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OOHARA?

BOTH MOM AND BROTHER ARE NAIVE.

HIRO.

IF THEY HADN'T BEEN GANGSTERS, MANY BAD THINGS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

NO.

WHAT?

?

Noth ing.

FUFU.

?

YOU ALSO LIKE RYU-CHAN, RIGHT?

WELL...

That's it, that's it.

FUFUFU.

Why do you talk about it?

EH?

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM...

HE'S SO IMPORTANT THAT...

I LOVE HIM.

AND RYU IS REALLY A GREAT GUY.

NOT MENTION ABOUT SEX...

Be Careful

Thank you very much

Get lost

Get lost

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE PATROLLING THIS AREA?

HOW CAN IT BE?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I HAVEN'T PREPARED MY MIND YET...

WHAT'S WRONG?

BUT THOSE GUYS ARE HELPLESS.

THEY EVEN WANTED TO BLACKMAIL THAT GIRL.

I THOUGHT IT DOESN'T MATTER...

EVEN IF HE IS A GANGSTER'S SON OR WHATEVER...

ALL THE TIME...

On the street

CAN I KISS YOU?

NOTH-ING.

WHY ARE YOU SMILING?

HOW ABOUT I KILLING YOU?

...

SCREECH

broom

BUT...

How persis-tent...

You again?

YO, SATOYA-KUN.

Young master? Who's that?

SO OUR YOUNG MASTER ASKED US TO TAKE YOU THERE. THEN HE CAN TALK TO YOU IN PERSON.

BECAUSE YOU'RE SO STUBBORN, WE CAN'T CON-VINCE YOU...

HEY... NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU COME, I STILL...

TETSU...?!

Satoya-san.

Wah...

I THINK YOU SHOULD OBEDIENTLY GO WITH US...

THIS GUY WILL GO TOO.

MAYBE THAT IS...

THIS GUY DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

HEY.

YOU!

SFX: TOSS

BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT EVEN IF SOME DAY ANYTHING HAPPENS...

I MYSELF CAN MANAGE IT...

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME, JUST COME STRAIGHT...

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL, SATOYA.

I WAS SUCH A KID.

LONG TIME NO SEE.

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YOU...

IT'S NISHI-JIMA! IDIOT!

NISHI-JIMA?

WHO ARE YOU?

.....

ARE YOU NISHI?

I COULDN'T THINK THAT YOU FORGOT ME.

I OFTEN FOUGHT WITH YOU TWO THEN.

rustle

NISHI-JIMA?

NISHI...

SATOYA-SAN, WHO'S THAT?

AH...

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M THE SECOND NISHIJIMA.

NISHIJIMA KEIGO.

HE'S THE SON OF NISHIJIMA'S GANG.

WE WENT TO THE SAME EL-EMENTARY SCHOOL.

Nao

Nao

I DIDN'T THOUGHT YOU TWO ARE STILL THE SAME AS THE PAST.

WELL... IT'S ACCORDING TO MY CURRENT INVESTIGATION.

IF IT'S YOU, RYU WILL DO EVERYTHING I TELL HIM. I KNEW IT FROM THE VERY FIRST.

I KNEW IT.

IS THAT SO?

Brother has been like that since the past?

THEN WHEN I "TALK" TO HIM, I WILL HAVE HIM TRANSFER HIS TERRITORY TO ME.

NOW I SUCCEEDED AS THE SECOND, SO IT'S TIME FOR THAT IDIOT TO SUCCEED OOHARA GANG TOO, RIGHT?

OOHARA FAMILY IS SO POWERFUL THAT UNTIL NOW NO ONE CAN DO ANYTHING TO THEM...

I HAVE PROPERLY ASKED YOU FOR A FAVOUR BEFORE.

ABOUT THAT...

YOU EVEN INVOLVED NORMAL PEOPLE IN THIS?

JUST BECAUSE OF THAT...

SO WHAT?

DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?

BESIDES, YOUR MOTHER'S BROTHER IS OOHARA'S YOUNG MANAGER, ISN'T HE?

stand

SOMEHOW, YOUR FAMILY HAS RELA-TIONSHIP WITH OOHARA GANG, RIGHT?

SO...

I'M SORRY.

Right?

THAT GUY THERE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD JOIN THE OOHARA GANG HIMSELF.

BECAUSE THAT'S THE CASE, THE POLICE WILL SUPPOSE IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU GOT INVOLVED WITH US.

TETSU...

You said that?

WHY DO I HAVE TO...

OOPS...

COOPERATE WITH ME...

I WILL HAVE YOU...

NN.

You're dirty

RYU...

I TOOK THIS GUY FOR THIS.

YOU WILL COOPERATE WITH ME, RIGHT?

THIS TIME, IT TURNS OUT TO BE TROUBLE-SOME...

PARTY A...

PARTY B WILL...

IN CASE THAT YOU CANCEL THE CON-TRACT...

PARTY A...

PARTY A WILL ...

PARTY B...

PAR...

AS THE ACCEP-TANCE...

BY THE WAY...

I'LL RE-MEMBER SOMEDAY.

AT LEAST REMEM-BER HOW TO READ THE CON-TRACT.

WHEN IS SOME-DAY?

IT'S DEFI-NITELY A LIE.

TOMOR-ROW.

HOW CAN I UNDER-STAND IT?

AL-READY... IT'S SO COMPLI-CATED.

YOUNG MASTER.

SIGH.

Young master, where are you going?

Don't run away

URGH ...

OHHH...

SATOYA

Big sister does spoil you, ne~

Ryu-chan, you grew up~

I JUST STARTED BUT THEY ALL CLINGED ON ME.

JUST SHOWING UP AT THE SHOP IS TROUBLE-SOME ENOUGH...

I was played around

Nao is enough...

AH... NAO...

EVEN THOUGH I GRADUATED, WHY DO I HAVE TO READ THOSE DOCU-MENTS?

CAN I MEET HIM NOW?

BUT HE SAID HE WOULD DO IT WITH ME IF I BEAT HIM...

Is it ok for me to want to do it?

I didn't intend to come here

IT'S BAD. MY LEGS JUST MOVED BY THEM-SELVES.

GET LOST, SUSPECT.

tinkle tinkle

BUT...

NO... BUT...

turn around

turn

WHY DO YOU HATE ME SO MUCH?

HIROKI.

SIGH

I'LL REPORT THAT THERE'S A PERSON HANGING AROUND MY HOUSE.

screech

WHAT?

HEY, YOU BASTARD, HIROKI.

SHUT UP, GO BACK, YOU SMALL YAKUZA.

WHAT'S THAT BROTH-ER COM-PLEX?

ringing

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ACCEPTED WITH THAT IDIOTIC PERSONALITY OF YOU?

I'M YOUR FUTURE BROTHER-IN-LAW.

YO...

HEY. WHAT'S WRONG?

clink

ringing

CALLING

Naoki

swirl

YOU'RE OOHARA, RIGHT?

.....
WHO ARE YOU?

IT'S NISHI-JIMA

WELL, AFTER 7 YEARS, YOU CAN'T REMEMBER ME JUST THROUGHT MY VOICE.

I'M NISHIJIMA WHO CAUSED YOU A LOT OF TROUBLES WHEN WE WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NN.

EH?

WHO?

YOU STILL DON'T REMEMBER?

WELL... IT'S FINE. YOU'LL KNOW WHEN WE MEET.

SHUT UP AND LISTEN.

Why do you have Nao's cell?

Who are you?

You two, don't underestimate me

!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IF YOU DON'T WANT NAOKI BEING INJURED...

RIGHT NOW, COME ALONE TO THE ADDRESS I'LL TELL YOU.

LISTEN.

IF YOU WANT TO GET THEM BACK SAFELY .

BESIDES NAOKI, I ALSO KEEP ONE OF YOUR LITTLE BROTHERS HERE.

NISHIJIMA'S BUILDING.

4 CHOUME...

HEY.

WHAT HAP-PENED?

NAOKI IS KIDNAPPED.

clank

HUH?

LEND ME YOUR BICYCLE, HIROKI.

EH?

I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.

THOSE GUYS AGAIN?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

YOU ALSO SAW IT.

THAT'S RIGHT. A WHILE AGO, THEY CAME TO OUR HOUSE.

THE WOUND ON BROTHER'S FACE.

AGAIN?

THEN THAT'S REALLY...

EH?

I'LL KILL THEM.

MAKE SURE THAT YOU'LL SAVE HIM.

Pi

SMIRK

DO YOU REALLY THINK HE WILL LISTEN TO EVERY SINGLE THING YOU ASK?

EVEN IF HE COMES HERE...

IT LOOKS LIKE HE WILL COME STRAIGHT HERE.

HE'S SIMPLE.

HEY.

Everything is fine. Release Naoki.

SATOYA-SAN. BROTHER DEFINITELY OBEYS TO EVERYTHING HE WANTS.

Maybe it's not impossible

BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE.

HE'LL LISTEN.

step

Hey you, don't...

Let's run.

Haa...

THANKS TO THIS OOHARA WILL COME TO THE END.

Eh?

If I have him sign this.

Follow me.

WHAT'S THAT?

.....

!!!

YOU'RE SO SCARED OF RYU SO YOU USE ME AS YOUR TOOL...

BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T DARE TO RISE UP AGAINST RYU; SO YOU AIMED ME...

FI-NALLY...

YOU EVEN DON'T HAVE THE CONFI-DENCE TO FIGHT ME. YOU HAVE TO MAKE UP ALL THIS PLAN. YOU'RE PATHETIC.

FROM THE FIRST PLACE...

YOU'RE IN A TIGHT CORNER.

YOU SHOULDN'T RUN WILD LIKE THIS...

JUST BE GOOD AND ADMIT DEFEAT...

Switch

HAH...

RELEASE HIS HAND.

Just Satoya's

EH?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

IF THERE'S NOT A HANDI-CAP...

YOU BAS-TARD...

WAIT.

IT'S FINE.

PUCH!

YOU CAN FIGHT WELL, RIGHT?

WHAT?

cough

cough

AS I EXPECTED.

SATOYA-SAN.

?

THINGS ARE NOT THE SAME AS IT WAS 7 YEARS AGO, SATOYA.

IN THE PAST, I ALWAYS LOST TO YOU BUT...

小早川商事

西島ビル

UCカード グループ

OH...

OOHARA COMES.

not...

ye...

pant

IS IT HERE?

Nishiji-ma's..

CLANK

GIVE NAOKI BACK.

WELL... IT'S NOT THAT EASY...

ARE YOU NISHI-JIMA?

.....

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN.

YOUNG MASTER TOLD US TO FIND SUITABLE OPPONENTS FOR YOU...

WHAM

AH... ALREADY... THAT GUY'S SO NOISY.

SATOYA-SAN.

TAKE HIM AWAY.

SFX: BAM

IF HE LISTENS TO WHAT WE SAY.

NOTHING'LL HAPPEN...

smack

NN... YOU...

IT'S FINE.

TETSU...

Hey, let go of me

Shut up!

HUH?

YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO WIN BY SUDDEN ATTACKS OR TRAPS...

SINCE THE PAST, YOU'VE BEEN COWARD AND WORTH-LESS...

Hah

YOU REALLY DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL...

IF IT'S ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BEATING PEOPLE, THEIR SURELY EXCEED OUR.

ISN'T OOHARA IS THE SAME?

PICKING UP FIGHTS IS OUR BUSINESS.

RYU...

DEFINITELY NEVER DOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

I'M COWARD BECAUSE I'M A GANGTER...

SO WHAT?

grab

HE NEVER HOLDS ON TO PEOPLE'S WEAKNESS OR KEEPS HOSTAGES...

MAYBE YOU BECAME STRONGER BUT YOUR HEAD IS STILL THE LOWEST...

HOW PATHETIC YOU ARE...

DON'T EVER PUT SUCH A WEAKLING LIKE YOU...

AT THE SAME PLACE WITH RYU,

SCUM.

stand

!

STEP

!

YOU...

DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL...

SINCE THEN, HUH?

YOU'VE ALWAYS LOOKED DOWN ON ME.

clank

WHAT ARE YOU...

I'LL SHOW YOU...

!?

WHO IS LOWER...

BETWEEN YOU AND ME.

HUH?

CHILL

IF I DO THIS...

YOU WILL BE MORE OBEDIENT.

slip

NN... HEY...

SFX: WHAM

DON'T...

JOKE WITH ME.

HAH...

IT'S A PITY THAT YOU WEREN'T A GIRL...

twitch

NN...

BUT JUST LOOKING AT YOU LIKE THIS...

EVEN I'M SO TURNED ON...

I FEEL SO BAD...

tremble

SFX: BAM

NAO.

DAMNED ...

I'LL KILL THIS...

BAS-TARD...

SFX: STRUGGLE

Haa...

RYU...

Sa Satoya, san...

I THOUGHT THEY WOULD HOLD YOU A LITTLE MORE...

THOSE GUYS ARE SO USE-LESS...

YOU CAME ALREADY? SO BORING...

Geez.

WHAT?

YOU SHOULD BE DISCREET...

FROM NOW ON...

AH...

YOUNG MASTER...

YOU BAS-TARD...

SFX: BAM

SFX: BANG

DIE...

WHO WANTS TO...

RYU!

RYU.

step

THIS GUY LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS...

THAT'S ENOUGH.

RYU.

Oohara.

I'M FINE. IT'S NOT SERIOUS.

AH...

BUT YOU'RE INJURED...

NAO.

.....

RYU.

I'LL KILL HIM.

RYU.

grab

I WANT TO KILL HIM.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

OKAY?

SO LET'S GO.

LET'S GO HOME.

I'LL CALL UNCLE TACHIBANA.

FOR NOW...

It's bad if we walk with this appearance.

I'M SORRY.

WHAT ...

ARE YOU SORRY FOR?

YOU DIDN'T DO ANY-THING...

SA.

SATOYA SAN.

SFX: TOTTER

EH?

BROTHER'S BACK IS...

FALL

...RYU!

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最終話

THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE...

THERE'RE MANY BAD SITUATIONS WHICH I WOULDN'T HAVE FACED IF I HADN'T HUNG AROUND WITH RYU...

WE WERE IMPRISONED FOR THE WHOLE 2 DAYS...!

WE WERE KIDNAPPED BY THE GANG WHICH IS A RIVAL OF OOHARA FAMILY.

WHEN I WAS WITH RYUNOSUKE ON THE WAY BACK FROM SCHOOL..

IT'S JUST FINE.

YEAH.

FATHER WILL COME TO SAVE US SOON.

YEAH.

crumble

BUT I DIDN'T FEEL SCARED AT ALL...

NAOKI.

SO HUNG-RY.

WITH YOU SO...

I'M...

grab

FINALLY, A FEW HOURS AFTER THAT, WE WERE REALLY SAVED...

REALLY?

YEAH. I'M COOL.

FROM THAT TIME...

MAYBE I'M OVER-CONFIDENT...

TO THINK...

BUT DESPITE OF THAT, SOMEHOW WE MANAGED TO GET THROUGHT EASILY.

AS WE GREW UP, EVEN PEOPLE THAT WEREN'T RELATED TO MY FAMILY ALSO GET INVOLVED IN.

THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPENED OVER AND OVER AGAIN...

HE WAS STABBED AND BLEEDING BUT HE JUST KEPT GOING ON A RAMPAGE SO HE COLLAPSED.

THAT'S RIGHT.

AMENIA?

IS THERE ANY DANGER FOR HIS LIFE?

THEN...

WE ARE... RYUNOSUKE IS...

INVIN-CIBLE...

...AM...

released

I'm glad.

That's good

IS THAT SO?

NOTH-ING.

HE JUST LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD.

THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

I STITCHED HIS INJURY. HE'S SLEEPING UNDER THE EFFECT OF THE ANESTHETIC.

Yeah

You're worried?

You're overprotective.

Thank you very much.

THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

THAT'S IT.

YEAH.

NAOKI.

touch

WELL, NAOKI.

GO TO YOUNG MASTER'S PLACE.

IF YOU'RE THERE, HE'LL RECOVER QUICKLY.

NN.

TACHIBANA-SAN, DOCTOR IS CALLING YOU.

THAT DOCTOR IS VERY GOOD...

YEAH. I'M GOING.

RYU.

DOCTOR SAID THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

YEAH. I HEARD.

HIS FACE LOOKS BETTER NOW.

BECAUSE HE WAS PUT ON AN DRIP IN THE HOSPITAL.

HE'S VERY STRONG FOR NOTHING, SO HE'LL GET UP SOON.

I HEARD EVERY-THING... FROM TACHI-BANA.

I'M SORRY FOR GET-TING YOU INVOLVED.

HAHA. THAT'S RIGHT.

EVEN IF WE WEREN'T WRONG...

EVEN BIG SISTER LIKE THAT?

OOHARA DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.

WHY...

IT WOULDN'T MEAN THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE THE RE-SPONSIBILITY.

I'M REALLY GREATFUL ABOUT THAT BUT...

STILL KEEPS BEING FRIENDS WITH ME...

UNTIL NOW YOUR MOTHER...

BECAUSE MY FAMILY IS LIKE THIS...

WELL, NAO...

JUST CHOOSE AS YOU LIKE OK?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN US TOO.

WHAT YOU WILL DO...

THAT'S WRONG.

I DON'T THINK THAT...

WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS...

I CHOSE ALREADY.

BIG SISTER.

MAYBE THE FIGHT WOULDN'T JUST BE A NORMAL FIGHT...

I CAN IMAGINE THAT...

BUT...

BUT BECAUSE I SAID THAT I WOULD BE WITH HIM...

BECAUSE I'M WITH HIM...

IF HE HADN'T BEEN LIKE THAT, HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN INJURED AND WOULD BE OK.

THIS TIME TOO...

BECAUSE OF ME, HE ALWAYS RUNS OUT OF CONTROL AND FORGETS ABOUT HIMSELF...

BESIDES, I KNEW IT A LONG TIME AGO...

WILL THIS GUY REALLY DIE?

IT'S SCARY.

SOME-DAY...

I FINALLY UNDER-STAND...

YOUR FEELING THAT TIME.

I WON'T BE BY YOUR SIDE... ANY-MORE.

...

RYU...

I WAS WRONG.

I'M SORRY, RYU.

THIS TIME, IF YOU SAY THAT AGAIN...

I'LL LISTEN.

ACK

NAO?

I WAS STABBED?

YEAH.

BECAUSE OF THAT, WHEN YOU WENT OUTSIDE, YOU COL-LAPSED.

THE BLOOD GOT ON MY HEAD...

SO I DIDN'T REMEMBER THAT MUCH...

WHY DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR SENSE OF PAIN?

HUH?

.....

Ah It hurts like this.

SOMEHOW YOU LOOK TIRED.

EH?

THERE'S NOTHING.

I JUST HAVE A BRUISE.

AH..

Damn. Be firm.

REALLY ...

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO MUCH.

REALLY?

Didn't he take off your clothes?

REALLY?

IT'S TRUE.

HE JUST TOOK OFF MY CLOTHES.

NISHI DID SOMETHING TO YOU, RIGHT?

I remembered.

POSSIBLY YOU...

HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING YET.

What?

REALLY?

IT'S JUST THAT.

YOU'RE ANNOYING.

Don't remind me that

OR?

MY LEG OR...

my ass

WHERE?

TOUCHED?

BECAUSE YOU CAME ON TIME, HE JUST TOUCHED ME.

EH?

ISN'T YOU THE ONE HE ALWAYS HUNG AROUND?

I remembered it after punching him.

IT'S BECAUSE FROM THE PAST THAT GUY ALWAYS HUNG AROUND NAO.

AH...

AH... NISHI... I REMEMBERED WHEN HE SAW HIS FACE.

SO DID YOU REMEMBER THAT GUY?

Because he called himself Nishuma so I couldn't remember.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WELL... IT'S FINE... ANYWAYS...

.....

WHY DID HE DO THAT?

He's an idiot.

THAT GUY...

BUT...

RIGHT.

lean

...YOU...

I'LL FIGHT IF I FEEL LIKE...

NO MATTER WHO THE OPPONENT IS, EVEN IF I DO TERRIBLE THINGS...

ANYWAYS, EVERYONE ALWAYS KEEPS DISTANCE FROM ME BECAUSE OF MY FAMILY, RIGHT?

IF YOU AREN'T WITH ME...

MAYBE I'LL BECOME SOMEONE LIKE HIM.

NAO...

IF EVERYONE AROUND ME LOOKS AT ME LIKE THAT...

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I REALLY BECOME ONE LIKE THAT. IN THE PAST I THOUGHT SO ONCE.

BUT...

RYU.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU ALWAYS COME TO STOP ME.

RYU...

IF IT HADN'T BEEN YOU, I WOULD HAVE BECAME A CRIMINAL.

AH.

SO UNTIL NOW I...

CAN BEHAVE LIKE THIS AND BECOME NORMAL...

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU. THANK YOU, NE.

NAO.

I DECIDED.

WAIT A MINUTE...

I'M STILL...

SHOULD BE TOGETHER...

I...

RYU...

REALLY WE...

I...

I KNOW FROM NOW ON THERE STILL WILL HAVE PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF MY FAMILY TOO...

I ALWAYS CAUSE YOU TROUBLES...

EH?

MAYBE THINGS LIKE THIS WILL HAPPEN AGAIN.

BUT EVEN IF I LEAVE YOU, THE FACT THAT NAO IS MY WEAKNESS WON'T CHANGE.

BESIDES...

IF THERE'S ANY PROBLEM, I CAN BE WITH YOU RIGHT AWAY.

THEN WE SHOULD BE TOGETHER.

NAO.

NOW READY, TOO

I'M...

YOU PROMISED ME.

FROM NOW ON, LET'S BE TOGETHER FOREVER.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

IT'S HARD TO HOLD BACK BUT...

THUMP

THUMP

Why?

EH?

THUMP

...I...

IDIOT... IT'S BECAUSE YOU SAID ALL THESE THINGS TO ME...

WHAT'S WRONG?

WH...

EH?

EH?

TRIED TO IMAGINE A LIFE WITHOUT YOU....

IT ISN'T THAT I WANT YOU TO PRO-TECT ME BUT...

I COULDN'T.

BUT...

WHY...

DIDN'T I REALISE IT UNTIL NOW...

IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE FOR ME.

FROM A VERY LONG TIME AGO...

I CAN BE STRONG...

OR CAN KEEP COOL NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...

.....

caress

caress

I touched.

But because I'm not allowed to do anything so

.....

IT'S...

I'M OVER-WHELMED...

BECAUSE YOU SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

WHAT'S WITH THIS DELICATE TOUCH?

EH...

OH... YOU'RE REALLY HONEST...

It's dan-ger-ous!!

IF YOU UNDER-STAND, DON'T TOUCH ME OR I'LL ATTACK YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU DO-ING?

touch

HEY...

IT'S OKAY.

SFX: BAM

カレン

WHY NOW?

I WANT TO DO IT...

BUT...

.....

NN.

YOU'RE INJURED...

EH?

WE SHOULD STOP...

SUCH A THING DOESN'T MATTER...

It doesn't hurt at all...

NAO!

IT'S NOT GOOD, RIGHT?

NAO.

You're noisy..

WHAT...

smile

kiss

hold tightly

YEAH.

smile

ISN'T THAT... OBVIOUS?

REALLY TO ME...

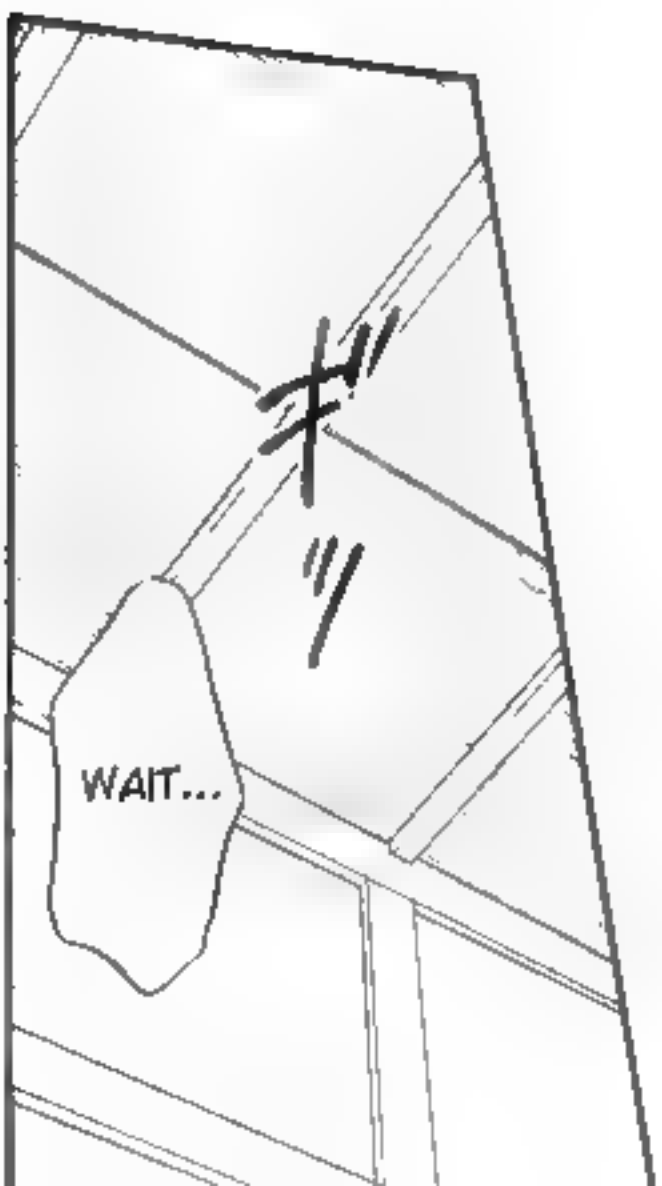
THERE'S NOTHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN YOU...

IDIOT.

hold

ME TOO, THERE'S NOTHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN YOU....

RYUNOSUKE...



IT'S...

ENOUGH ALREADY...

THAT...

NN...

RYU...

YOU...

SEEM TO BE USED TO IT...

NN...

IT...

YOU DON'T FEEL GOOD?

WHY?

WHY?

YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

I'LL DO ANYWAYS.

With my hands too.

DO IT NEXT TIME...

I'm about to come now.

Coo

already

No need.

I'll do every-th.ng for you.

Damn.

LOOK... BECAUSE I ALWAYS THINK ABOUT THIS...

So I pre-pared all these ...

open

Haa

DRIP

TOUCH

NN.

HAA

NN

TELL ME IF IT HURTS.

nudge

DIP

Haa

push

Haa

NN...

Haa

kiss

Haa

NN...

HAA...

grab

RYU...

NN...

AH...

Haa

I...

Haa

WE ARE CHILD-HOOD FRIENDS...

What did you imag ine?

Noth-ing!!

Why do you beat me?

You'll be mad at me for sure.

I can't tell.

Smack

MY IMAGINA-WAS TION... SWEET, BUT THE REAL IS...

BUT...

THERE'S NOTHING TO MAKE A FUSS ABOUT THAT.

FOR 19 YEARS...

I'M SURPRISED THAT THERE'S MANY THINGS I HAVEN'T KNOWN YET.

RYUNOSUKE...

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU...

I WILL FLY THERE RIGHT AWAY...

DEFINITELY...

THIS IS THE BEST WAY FOR ME.

AS EXPECTED, AFTER THAT, RYUNOSUKE'S WOUND WAS OPEN, HE COLLAPSED AGAIN.

It was because of the effect of anesthetic.

What did you do?

It hurts...

DID YOUR TEMPERATURE GO DOWN?

YEAH. I'm alright now.

NAO. WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S... ICE-CREAM.

TO APOLOGISE TO THE OOHARA, BUT...

AFTER KNOWING THE FACT, THE PREVIOUS LEADER DRAGGED HIM HERE

Wel but

You don't know your place at all. You jerk.

What did you do?

But you ass .. Are you an idiot?

IN THE END...

THE MESS THIS TIME WAS DONE BY NISHI HIMSELF...

SO NISHIJIMA GANG DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS AT ALL.

Some documents of the company

I can't understand them.

What's that?

IT AS A CHILDREN'S ARGUE BUT...

THIS TIME I WANT TO CONSIDER...

THE FATHER DIDN'T FORGIVE...

IF WE DON'T HAVE YOU PAY OFF FOR THAT...

WE CAN'T CALM DOWN.

That's right.

IT'S FINE IF IT WAS JUST MY SON BUT...

EVEN THE OUTSIDE FAMILY WHO TAKES CARE OF US HAD TO SUFFER TOO.

IT'S OF COURSE.

WITH THAT SENTENCE, NISHIJIMA GANG IS DISMISSED...

OOHARA GANG GAINS THEIR REPUTATION AGAIN.

WELL...

HE LAID HIS HAND ON MY NAO.

EVEN KILLING HIM ISN'T ENOUGH.

RYU.

I WON'T DO IT.

IF NAO SAYS IT'S WRONG...

DON'T TAKE THAT LIKE A JOKE.

I KNOW.

.....

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

HUH?

YEAH.

YOU...

REALLY DO WHAT I SAY?

WHY IS IT?

YOU CAN'T BEAT ME WHEN WE'RE FIGHTING...

sigh

WHY IS THAT?

YOU'RE IRRITATING ME.

SOMEHOW...

UNTIL NOW I DIDN'T REALISE IT BUT...

YOU KNOW THE REASON WHY I CAN'T BEAT YOU, RIGHT?

Don't lie.

NO...

YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING IMPORTANT NOW?

EH? WHAT?

HEY!

AH... I SHOULD GO HOME.

.....

You still have time, right?

STAY A WHILE.

GRAB

BECAUSE I JUST ATE ICE-CREAM.

EH... HEY...

YOU'RE SWEET.

KISS

sigh

THIS GUY...

It hurts.

DON'T DO THAT DURING THE DAY.

IDIOT.

WELL...

He's too soft on me

WE PROMISED THAT UNTIL YOU COULD BEAT ME ONCE, RIGHT?

EH?

SINCE THAT TIME IN THE 1ST YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH...

MAYBE HE HAS THOUGHT THAT...

IF HE USES HIS REAL STRENGTH ON ME, I'LL CRY LIKE THAT AGAIN...

Go and die

IF I WIN THE NEXT FIGHT, I'LL PUT IT IN.

OK?

AH THEN, LET'S DO IT LIKE THIS...

THEN THE NEXT TIME...

IMPOS-SIBLE.

WHO SAID THAT?

!!?

B... BUT...

THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE, RIGHT?

WHY? IT'S JUST FINE IF YOU WIN, RIGHT?

TO BE TO-GETHER.

IT'S DEFINITELY RIGHT FOR US

I DON'T ACCEPT THAT.

RYU.

No

Then tel me the secret.

BECAUSE...

EVERYDAY IS SO BRIGHT THIS WAY.

End

At somewhere
Tachi-
bana
occa-
sionally
cleans it.
The ornament
Ryu made
when he was
in elementary
school...

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FROM THIS PAGE ONWARDS, IT WILL BE THE CONTINUATION OF MY PREVIOUS WORK "DOUSHIYOUMO −" WHICH I DREW FOR THE 100TH ISSUE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAGAZINE. THERE'S ALSO A DRAMA CD FOR MY WORK, I'M SO HAPPY.

KUROKAWA-SAN'S BUSINESS VOICE REALLY SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS.
IT'S THE EXTRA OF THE MAGAZINE. WE ALSO PUBLISH THE DRAMA CD, I'M LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT.
I RECOM-MEND THIS.
What are you saying?
USE FOR BUSINESS
It's drama CD.
Voice actor-san is the best.

EVEN THOUGH...

IT'S THE BIGGEST TRIAL IN MY LIFE.

BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT, I CAN'T AFFIRM ANYTHING.

HOWEVER, THIS IS THE BIGGEST EVENT THAT HAPPENED SINCE I WAS BORN.

とりかえしのつかないけれど リターンズ

MY FATHER...

DISCOVERS OUR RELATIONSHIP...

DOUSHIYOUMO NAI KEREDO

どうしようもないけれど

RETURN

IT HAPPENED 1 HOUR AGO.

HEY...

WAKE UP ALREADY.

NN...

THE HOLIDAY WILL BE WASTED AGAIN.

Look The laundry 's done

1 PM ALREADY.

P' P' P' P' P'

WHAT TIME IS IT?

THE MEAL'S READY. GET UP QUICKLY.

DING DONG

yawn

POSTAL SER-VICES?

YES.

pi

WHO IS THAT?

NO... IF SO, THEY WILL PUT PACKAGES IN THE BOX DOWNSTAIR

IT'S ME.

YO~ KUROKAWA ..

WH...

WHAT'S WRONG, PRESI-DENT?

HOW CAN I KNOW. HIDE QUICK-LY...

Go to the bed-room...

WHY... WHY... WHY... IS FATHER...

I JUST CAME NEARBY.

OPEN

OPEN THE DOOR

Father...

WHY?

President..

THIS.

YOUR MOVING PRESENT.

HA... SORRY FOR COMING SO SUDDENTLY.

AH...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Bedroom

KUROSAKI AND MY FATHER ARE DRINKING FRIENDS...

HAHA, SORRY FOR HAVING YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE.

But I didn't have time...

I WANTED TO COME TO YOUR PLACE AND GIVE YOU THAT SOONER.

IN THE FIRST PLACE ...

NOTE: *2LDK MEANS TWO BEDROOMS, LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM, AND KITCHEN

BUT WHY DOES HE HAVE TO COME TODAY?

IT'S 2LDK*.

HOW MANY ROOMS ARE THERE?

Ah, thanks.

The view is good too.

WHAT A NICE MANSION.

SO SOMETIMES HE VISITS KUROSAKI.

Here is your tea.

THANKS.

It's instant tea though.

I HAVEN'T CLEANED HERE YET.

NO. IT'S REALLY TER-RIBLE.

URGH .....

AH. IT'S JUST FINE.

I know your room is dirty...!!

WAH NN !!!

HERE IS THE BED-ROOM?

YOU'RE STRANGE.

WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?

EH? WHAT?

IS THAT SO?

NO... THAT'S RIGHT. TODAY IS SUNDAY...

MY BAD.

EH?

AH...

AH

KUROKAWA.

PAT

TRY YOUR BEST THIS TIME.

EH?

Intruding what?

SORRY FOR INTRUDING.

THIS...

What are they doing?

WELL... IT'S FINE ANYWAYS...

AS LONG AS HE LEAVES ...

HE THINKS THAT I'M HIDING A GIRL...

NO, IT'S NOTHING.

HUH?

AH... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

What a coinci- dence...

Where are you going?

PRESI- DENT...

AH...

ACK...

THOSE SHOES...

ARE THE SAME WITH HAYATO'S...

This strange patern..

THERE'S NO WOMAN'S SHOES.

He didn't know what to do...

but stand- ing there ...

He didn't manage to hide..

SFX: OPEN

SFX: WALK QUICKLY

WHY IS HE COMING BACK?

WAIT... REALLY... THERE IS...

DDT

DDT

DDT

AND THEN YOU COOK AND DO THE LAUNDRY?

With that appearance

SHIMANO. IT'S IL-LOGICAL.

Why are you here dad?

I JUST CAME BY...

I..

Ahaha

WHY IS HAYATO HERE?

THIS MEANS THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD HERE.

AH... THAT IS...

BECAUSE I'M HUNGRY TOO...

YOU WANT TO HIDE IT...

ARE IN THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP, RIGHT?

YOU TWO...

BE-
CAUSE
...

OF
THAT...

NOW...

BUT I DIDN'T THINK THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN LIKE THAT...

YEAH

WE ALSO KNEW THAT THIS DAY WOULD COME...

WELL

HE WENT BACK FIRST.

BUT...

I REALLY DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD HAPPEN THIS SOON, SO I DIDN'T PREPARE ANY SOLUTION FOR IT.

In such a condition, what can I say?

YOU'RE NOISY. WHEN WE FACE SUCH SITUATION, WE CAN GAIN EXPERIENCE, RIGHT?

I'm really sorry for hiding you.

That kind of...

Ah.. He acknowledged..

IN ADDITION, I'M GETTING BUSIER WITH WORK IN THIS TIME OF YEAR.

Today, we'll work overtime.

Please finish this within today.

Yes.

clamor

clamor

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

clamor

ring...

clamor

tak tak

tak tak

tak tak

HE TRANSFERS TO THE HR DEPARTMENT AGAIN.

WELL... FATHER WON'T LET IT INVOLVED IN WORK...

BUT KUROKAWA-SAN SAID THAT HE'S IN CHARGE OF A VERY TROUBLESOME BUSINESS PARTNER. WILL HE BE ALRIGHT?

PING!

tak tak

HE SAID.

"NOW WE'LL JUST WAIT FOR PRESIDENT'S MOVE",

tak tak

TODAY WE NEED TO SEND AN ANNOUCE-MENT TO KUROKAWA, I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

AH... SHIMANO-KUN?

YES, IT'S HR DEPART-MENT.

OOSAKA IS VERY GOOD.

THE FOOD IS DELI-CIOUS.

LOOK.

YOU'VE GONE THERE BEFORE SO YOU HAVE MANY FRIENDS THERE, RIGHT?

SFX: BAM

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT, FATHER?

THEN KUROSAKI WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OOSAKA.

HE WON'T.

NOW OUR COMPANY DOESN'T NEED ANY TRANSFER.

Oosaka branch is running well, right?

boo boo

WHAT'S THAT?

You just became an HR staff.

I DON'T ACCEPT SUCH DECISION...

WE'RE LEAVING.

HE JUST TOOK AN ATTACK.

HE DIDN'T OBJECT DIRECTLY...

Don't say that on impulse.

I'M NOT A KID.

YOU TOO. WHY DIDN'T YOU TALK BACK ANYTHING?

GEEZ...

.....

IT'S OF COURSE THAT HE'S MAD.

IF YOU THINK ABOUT PRESIDENT'S SHOCK...

It's still very soft.

Normally I would get fired.

BUT...

AH... YOU...

touch

I WAS THE ONE WHO SEDUCED...

IDIOT.

ANYWAYS, IN THE FIRST PLACE IT'S ME THAT DID UNREASONABLE THINGS...

IT'S FINE IF WE JUST TAKE IT AS MY FAULT.

HUH?

HEY...

IF YOU SAY LIKE THAT, IT WAS ME FROM THE VERY FIRST, RIGHT?

SO DON'T SAY USELESS THINGS.

OK?

THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WE'RE SO BUSY WITH WORK, IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME, RIGHT?

IS THAT IT?

YOU TOO, RIGHT?

YOU SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU COULD SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH SEITO OR NOT, RIGHT?

AH.

IT'S DONE SMOOTHLY.

EH?

IS THAT SO?

YEAH, NOW WE JUST HAVE TO DELIVER GOODS...

IN 15 DAYS, WE HAVE TO SUPPLY UP TO 10 SETS, SO WE CAN'T RELAX YET.

It's the superb big company.

But it's fine.

YOU'RE GREAT.

A REWARD.

Why do I have to?

HUH?

WILL YOU GIVE ME ANY-THING?

YOU GOT THE BONUS FOR THAT, RIGHT?

WE'RE DOING WELL NOW...

SO...

Ah, that's right. You're an HR staff now.

I didn't think you earn that much

clamor

clamor

BUT...

THE MISFORTUNE ALWAYS COMES ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

clamor

clank

RING

YES, IT'S HR DE-PARTMENT.

clamor

WE JUST HAVE TO TAKE TIME AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITH DAD.

THINKING LIKE THAT, I CALMED DOWN.

THAT'S RIGHT. THE FACTORY THAT PRODUCES PRODUCTS WHICH SEITO ORDERED IS ON FIRE FROM THIS MORNING. .

NOW THE MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR HELPS FROM THE PROVINCE AND EVERYONE IN THE COMPANY...

A FIRE?

clamor

clamor

AH.

NOW I HAVE TO BEG FOR HELPS FROM OTHER FATORIES...

WILL IT WORK?

YEAH. WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

Oh... YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FIRE?

I'LL TRY WHATEVER I CAN.

clamor clamor clamor clamor

I DON'T KNOW.

NOW I JUST DO IT STEP BY STEP.

I HAVEN'T PREDICTED WHICH FACTORY CAN MAKE IT AND THE QUALITY THEY CAN PRODUCE.

IS THAT SO?

THE SALES DEPT TOO...

THE MANU-FACTORING DEPT IS IN TROUBLES...

WE HAVE TO DELIVER GOODS IN 15 DAYS, SO WE JUST HAVE 5 DAYS LEFT. IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.

HAVE YOU HEARD? THE CON-TRACT WITH SEITO... IT'S BAD...

IF WE CAN'T CARRY OUT THIS CON-TRACT...

MORE THAN THAT, THE OTHER PARTY IS SUCH A BIG COMPANY...

THAT'S RIGHT. IF WE CAN'T MAKE IT THIS TIME, THE SALES DEPT WILL BE COM-PLAINTED...

PRESIDENT ROOM

OPEN

THE INFLUENCE WILL BE VERY BAD.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

THEY MUST BE LACK OF PEOPLE.

NOW...

I HEARD THAT THE MEMBERS OF SALES AND MANUFACTURING DEPT ARE CALLING FOR HELPS FROM OTHER FACTORIES IN JAPAN.

THEN, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO HELP THE SALES DEPT?

I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS OF SALES...

I KNOW THE MAIN POINT TOO.

MORE-OVER...

AFTER THIS I'LL GO BACK TO HR DEPT.

NOW CAN I GO THERE TO HELP?

How can you be so calm?

SO...

THAT'S RIGHT.

sip

NO NEED.

MAKE THE DECISION, PRESIDENT.

Be-cause I'm the presid ent's son.

IF IT IS THE TRANSACTION WITH OTHERS, MY WORDS MAY HAVE SOME EFFECTS.

THIS TIME...

ｷﾘｯ

BECAUSE HE MAN-AGED TO MAKE IT THIS FAR.

HE WON'T WASTE ALL HIS EFFORTS.

DAD!

I KNOW.

TH...

THERE'S NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM. I SAID THAT IS BECAUSE THE COM-PANY IS IN TROUBLES.

IS IT BECAUSE THE ONE IN CHARGE IS KUROKAWA?

That is impos-sible.

JUST LEAVE IT TO KUROKAWA, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

REALLY TRUST HIM...

YOU ...

.....

SO THERE'S NO NEED TO HELP.

THAT GUY WILL MAKE IT.

EH?

THIS TIME...

WE'RE NOT JUST SOME LIGHT ACQUAINTANCES.

THAT'S RIGHT.

AH...

I FEEL THAT...

DAD DOESN'T OBJECT OUR RELATIONSHIP AT ALL...

WELL...

EH?

IF YOU DON'T AGREE,

JUST DO AS YOU WANT.

EVEN IF IT IS...

"THE BIGGEST TRIAL IN LIFE"

I'LL DO MY OWN WORK.

IS THAT SO?

I'm leaving.

AT SOME-WHERE I DON'T KNOW...

THERE'S A WAY TO ESCAPE PREPARED FOR ME.

TOMOR-ROW I'LL GO TO HAKATA.

Now I'm in Shi-zuoka.

Try your best.

Please try your best

AND THEN...

08.15(金)
07:50

ring

Subject Re:

50 Kurokawa

.14

thump

Pi

THE CON-
TRACT...

WAS FI-
NALLY...

GOOD
JOB.

THANK
YOU.

DONE
SMOOTHLY.

AH

EH?

WELL, SEITO COMPANY WAS SATISFIED.

WITH THIS, OUR COMPANY WILL BE RUNNING STABLY.

WHAT? YOU SEEM TO BE HAPPY.

YOU WORKED HARD.

I'M SO TIRED...

DO YOU TAKE A BATH? THE MEAL'LL BE READY SOON.

Come here

Come here

HUH?

WILL YOU HAVE DINNER NOW?

I PREPARED IT.

grin

grin

AH...

THAT'S RIGHT.

It's good that you're so happy

BESIDES, HIS POINTS WILL BE HIGHER AGAIN...

Kiss

WHAT'S THAT? TODAY THE SERVICE'S SO GOOD.

AH... IS IT A REWARD?

IT'S NOT THAT.

W... wait a minute...

GO... TO BED...

IT...

HASN'T COME TO AN END YET.

Then... WHY...

DO YOU REALLY WANT IT?

YEAH.

Really.

SO I JUST WANT YOU TO RAISE MY SPIRIT UP...

AH... I'M REALLY TIRED...

Service, service!

DO...

I HAVE TO DO IT MYSELF?

LIAR.

You're fine, right?

Ah... He really...

How far does he want it to go?

scatter

NN...

BUT...

What's that?

I'll do it.

It's fine already.

THE WAY THAT YOU CREATE...

WILL DEFINITELY BE CONNECTED TO SOMEWHERE.

You're really here.

YO.

HERE

!?

SAKE?

WHY DO YOU BRING THAT MUCH?

TODAY WE WILL HAVE A DRINKING MATCH.

TAKE OUT ALL THE SAKE YOU HAVE TOO.

HUH?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT I CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT THAT?

W.

WELL TODAY

Why do you come here?

Uh-h

IF ONE OF YOU WINS,

I'LL LISTEN TO WHAT YOU WANT TO TELL...

HOW ABOUT IT? IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL, RIGHT?

WHAT?

So early in the day like this.

Why do we have to know that?

TO KNOW WHO IS BETTER BETWEEN KUROKAWA AND ME, WE JUST HAVE TO FIGHT, RIGHT?

EH?

"ONE OF YOU" MEANS... ME TOO?

SOMETIMES YOU SHOULD DRINK TOO.

That means ..

GEEZ...

Snore

open

jerky

It's just 1 hour.

HE'S STILL WEAK AS USUAL.

Haha.

THANK GOD. HE SLEEPS NORMALLY.

SNORE

get closer

Defeated

HAHAHA. HE JUST ACTED IN HIS SLEEP.

BUT I'M GLAD IT'S JUST LIKE THIS.

.....

SNORE

Make sure you'll always be on my side.

HE WAS VERY CUTE THEN.

OR "I'LL MAKE DAD'S COMPANY BIGGER AND BIGGER".

BACK THEN, HE ALWAYS SAID "I WANT TO BECOME SOMEONE LIKE DAD"

HAH... HAYATO...

NOW HE STILL SAYS THAT.

He's like the father of a bride

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WILLING TO DO EVERYTHING FOR HIM?

ARE YOU...

snore—

ANYTHING.

AFTER THAT...

I know.

YEAH.

HMPH.

BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I ACKNOWLEDGE YOU BECAUSE OF THAT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE TWO SAID ABOUT...

BUT BECAUSE SOMEHOW I SAW A VERY BEAUTIFUL DREAM...

TOMORROW WHEN I WAKE UP...

I WILL BE ABLE TO GET A BIT CLOSER TO A GOOD SOLUTION.

I REALLY THINK THAT.

THE DAY AFTER THAT...

They changed the position and continued drinking. Those two can drink a lot for sure

Is that so? Is that so? Such thing is...

No, it's nothing.

I really have good eyes.

You're pretty good

!?

On top of that, they really get along well!?

!?

They're still drinking

End

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❀ AFTERWORD ❀

Hello, nice to meet you!
I'm Natsume Isaku.
Thanks so much for buying this manga.
This is the first time I wrote a series related to something like "chivalry". It became like that because I really did not understand much about the "underground world". Well, occasionally, "friendly (?) yakuzas" are interesting too (in my opinion).
Because I really love the love between childhood friends, I'm very happy when drawing this manga. If you - readers also love this series, then I will be very grateful. And if I can have your feedbacks, then I will be so happy that I can fly.
Finally, I hope that someday, I can meet you guys again.

Natsume Isaku 12-2008

Special Thanx to Megu-chan, Miju-chan, Gin-chan, Rie-san, Editor-sama, Publisher and all supporters!!!

AFTERWARD

RYUNOSUKE'S IMAGINATION DIARY.

SINCE HE WAS 12 YEARS OLD, RYUNOSUKE ALWAYS HAS TO HOLD BACK HIS (EROTIC) THOUGHT ABOUT NAOKI.

IN 7 YEARS ...

EACH DAY IS A LONG AND DIFFICULT DAY...

THANKS TO THAT, HIS IMAGINA-TION IS BUILT UP FIRMLY...

IMAGINATION

RYU.

CAN I STAY HERE TODAY?

RE-CENTLY...

I COULDN'T SLEEP.

I THINK IF I CAN BE HERE AS IT WAS IN THE PAST, MAYBE I CAN SLEEP.

WHAT'S WRONG, NAOKI?

*IMAGINATION

RYU...

IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT I COULDN'T SLEEP.

I'M THINKING ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME.

IT'S NOT THAT.

grab

THEN, I'LL HAVE THE FUTON PREPARED FOR YOU SO...

IS THAT SO?

RYU... IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME...

I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE.

AT NIGHT, I'M THINKING ABOUT YOU TOO.

IT'S LIKE THAT...

RYU.

HELP ME.

RYU.

I CAN'T REACH IT.

LIKE THIS.

COUPLES COFFEE SHOP.

Cultural Festival

TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES.

IT'S HOT.

LIKE THIS.

self-restrain

LIKE THIS.

RYU ~~~

RYU AL-READY ...

LIKE THIS.

HUR-RY UP.

Nao.

COME HERE.

LIKE THIS.

RYU.

A LOT...

BUT...

I IMAG-INED...

BUT. SINCE THEN WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING...

IT'S REALLY EVEN MORE MISERABLE THAN WHEN IT WAS JUST IMAGINA-TION.

I SAW THE REAL ONE ONCE.

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もん

もん

OPEN!

RYU!

WAH.

AH...

Sit

WH...

WHAT?

CAN I STAY HERE TODAY?

You sur-prised me.

Knock the sliding door?

KNOCK THE DOOR BEFORE YOU OPEN IT.

?

SORRY.

CAN YOU BE WITH ME FOR A LITTLE WHILE?

THESE DAYS, I CAN'T GET TO SLEEP EASILY...

EH?

AH.

THANKS...

THANK YOU, GOD!

WHAT'S THIS SITU-ATION?

It's ex-haux ting.

NAOKI. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL.

AH. I DIED.

AH... REALLY.

THERE'S A HIDEN ITEM HERE.

THIS IS NAOKI. I KNOW HE'S ALWAYS COOL.

THE EASY AND SWEET NAOKI IS ONLY IN MY IMAGINATION

THAT'S OF COURSE. FROM THE PAST, YOU'VE PLAYED GAME ONLY WHEN YOU COME TO MY HOUSE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

SWEET NAO

THAT'S RIGHT

YOU WON THIS?

I WON.

HMPH.

IT'S MY LOST THEN.

NO ISN'T THE BITTER NAOKI YUMMY TOO? I ALSO LIKE BITTER CHOCOLATE THOUGH NAO IS BITTER, HE'S COOL BUT IF IT IS MIXED WITH THE SWEET ONE, I'LL BE DEFINITELY HAPPIER NO, THAT'S NOT IT I DON'T NEED HIM TO BE SWEET IN PURPOSE. IF IT'S LIKE THAT, I'D RATHER HAVE THE USUAL NAOKI...

ACTUALLY I'M NAIVE IN THAT SITUATION. NAO IS WHAT CAN I SAY SOFT NAO. IT'S SO GOOD SWEET NAOKI.. BUT THE REAL ONE IS SO BITTER

You just came here to play game?

WHAT?

SO...

HEY.

What are you thinking about?

IT'S MY LOST.

I SAY THAT?

DIDN'T...

SWEET HOORAY!

NN.

KISS

(Haa)

Haa

NN.

GRAB

Haa

NN...

I'm fine

ARE YOU OKIE?

NO MATTER HOW THE SITUATION IS, HE ALWAYS...

STAYS SO CALM...

AND GRABS MY HAND.

IT IS BECAUSE HE LOVES ME...

NAOKI...

urgh...

HE REALLY MAKES THIS FACE.

JUST LIKE A DREAM.

THUMP

THUMP

BUT THAT "LOVE" IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM MY "LOVE"...

I THINK HE'S JUST TIED UP AND ACCEPTS IT (WELL... I ALWAYS WANT IT THOUGH)

BUT MAYBE BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY THINGS HAPPENED RECENTLY...

WE BECAME LIKE THIS...

IN ORDER THAT HE BECOMES PASSIONATE BECAUSE OF ME AS WE ARE NOW...

I DON'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL SAY "WE SHOULD STOP HERE" BUT...

HUH?

IT'S BEEN 1 MONTH SINCE THEN. THERE'S NO WAY THAT I CAN STAY CALM.

LIKE THIS...

WHY IS IT?

EH?

HE REALLY CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO LOSE.

NN...

WHAT IS IT FOR?

twitch

TURN

(Haa

TODAY YOU CAME BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO DO IT WITH ME, RIGHT?

...THAT TIME... NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, YOU HAVEN'T WON ME ONCE, RIGHT?

SINCE ...

Are you an idiot?

bitter

He won't say that, will he?

BECAUSE I THOUGHT SO...

HEY... WAIT A BIT...

That is...

WE WON'T DO IT FOR THE REST OF OUR LIFE...

IF IT REMAINS LIKE THAT...

...IT'S BECAUSE I CAN'T WIN...

Pretend that nothing happened today

And you always run away.

SO MUCH...

THAT I COULDN'T SLEEP AT ALL...

THESE DAYS.

AT NIGHT ...

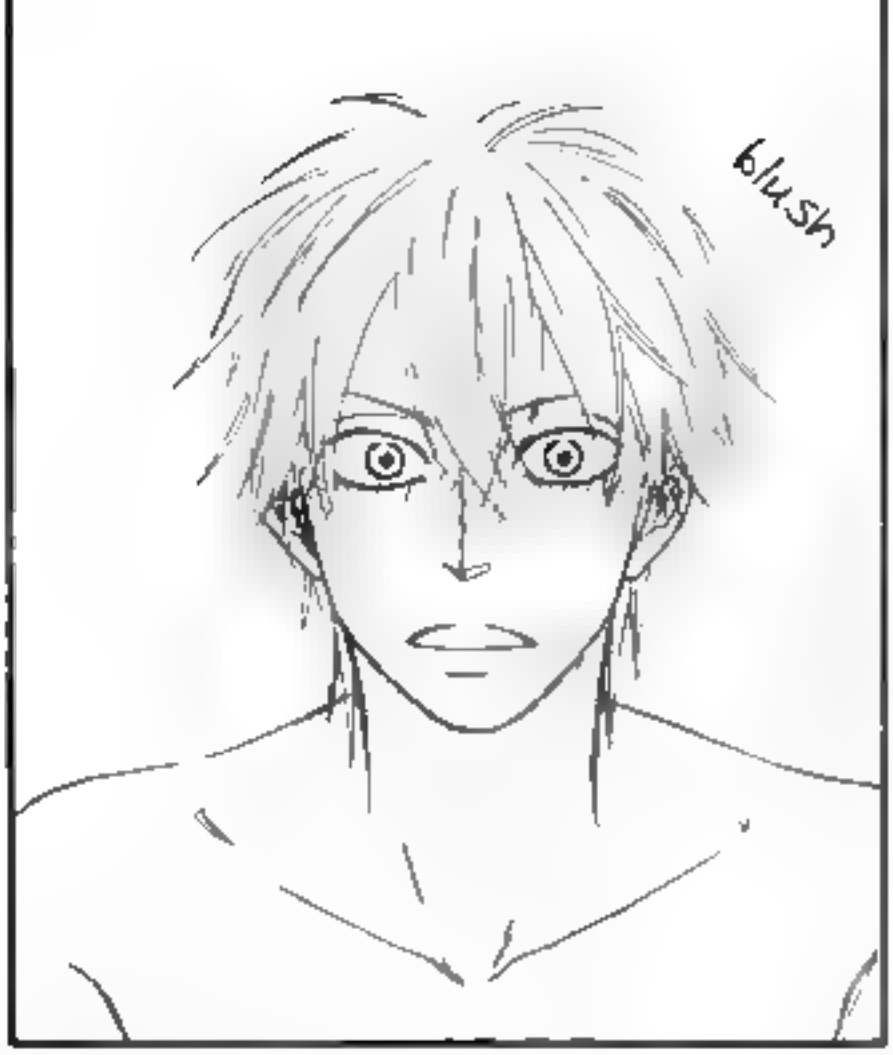
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT YOU...

SO...

WELL... IT'S JUST TODAY...

THAT MEANS...

YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH ME ALREADY, RIGHT?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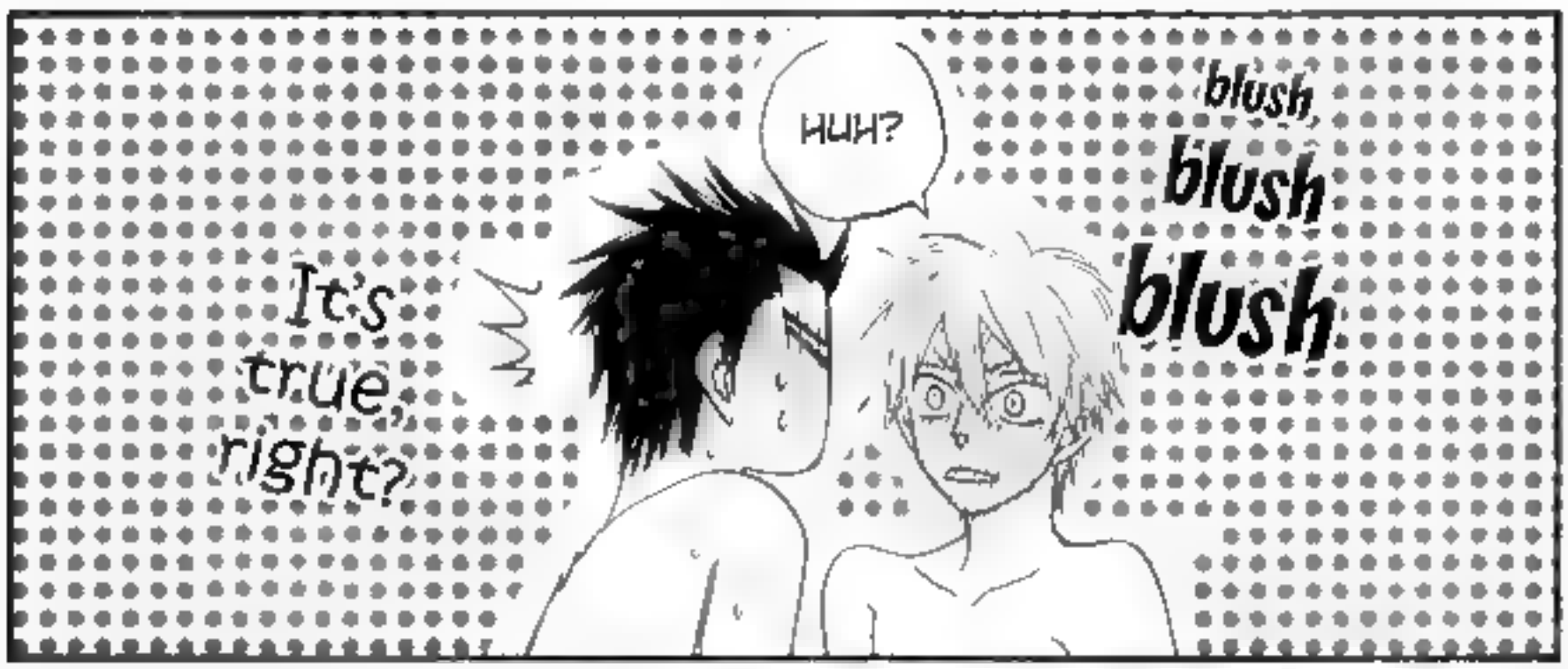
EH?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HUH?
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NAOKI.
AH...
IDIOT.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

WAIT...

pant

pant

pant

KISS

THRUST

CREAK

NN...

NN...

AH...

AH...
WAIT...

RYU.

tremble

WAIT...

creak

creak

THRUST

THRUST

AH...

AH...

RYU.

DAMN...

LIKE THIS, THE ONE WHO IS PASSIONATE IS ME INSTEAD.

I...

CAN DIE NOW.

EVEN THE WAY HE CALLS ME IS SWEET.

WELL... IT'S FINE LIKE THAT TOO...

If you really wish for it, the imagination will come true.

WISH
DREAM
Didn't I say you to wait a little? You jerk!
I'm sorry.
I let out such a weird sound
But it's fine
AS EX-PECTED, I WAS PUNCHED AFTER THAT.
End

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